

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Please amend the paragraph beginning on page 7, line 18 as follows:

The wall may be supported by a stent, especially when the wall is a fabric. A stent is a stiff yet flexible generally tubular structure. Typically, a stent can be enlarged under the pressure of an angioplasty balloon from a first diameter to a second diameter. Preferably the enlargement in diameter occurs with little or no axial lengthening. Once enlarged, the stent resists shrinkage. An expandable stent can have any suitable structure. Examples include frameworks of struts, slotted tubes, coiled helical wires, coiled sheets, and heat-expandable tubes. The stent can be formed by a process that includes a microelectromechanical machining process. The stent may include a ratcheting mechanism to prevent contraction following expansion. The ratcheting mechanism can include teeth or other indentations. The microelectromechanical machining process can be used to form the teeth or other indentations that are part of the ratcheting mechanism. A stent is generally made of a metal, preferably stainless steel, but it can also be formed of a polymer, either biostable or bioerodable.